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SUBJECT : Request for Approval of the Performance Report
Form for the Talent Search and Educational Opportunity Centers
Programs (OMB No. 1840-0561)

We are requesting approval for three years of the annual performance report form for the Talent Search (TS) and Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) programs. All TS and EOC grantees must submit an annual performance report as a condition of their awards. The Department of Education (Department) needs OMB's approval of the report form so as to collect 2007-08 performance data in late fall 2008. The current form will expire on September 30, 2008.

The report provides the Department with information needed to evaluate each grantee's performance and compliance with the programs' requirements, to make funding decisions, and to award prior experience points in accordance with the programs' regulations. The data collected are also aggregated to allow the Department to report on each program as a whole, particularly for purposes of the Government Performance and Results Act.

The attached draft annual performance report has been revised to comply with the requirements for maintaining, collecting, and reporting racial and ethnic data. Burden hours for each respondent are unchanged; total hours have decreased simply because the number of grantees is now reduced.

The Information Collection Submission Worksheet and supporting documents are also being submitted as required. If additional information is needed, please call Loretta Brown at 202-502-7539.